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SUBJECT: WEST BANK ARABIC PRESS REACTION SENATE APPROVAL MID-EAST  
PLANES

1. WEST BANK DAILY ARABIC PRESS ALL TREAT AMERICAN PLANES  
TO ME IN FRONT PAGE HEADLINES. MODERATE (PRO-JORDANIAN) AL QUDS  
HEARALDS "CARTER AND SADAT CONTENT WITH SENATE PASSAGE OF  
PLANE DEAL." PRO-PLO AL FAJR SEES THE PASSAGE AS SERVING  
AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE ARA. INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN  
NATIONALIST ASH-SH'AB WARNS "AREA ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW  
ARMS RACE" IN ITS MAIN HEADLINE.

2. IN ITS FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL AL QUDS ASKS "WHAT WILL HAPPEN  
AFTER THE DEAL HAS BEEN APPROVED?" THE PAPERS SEES THE  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S VICTORY AS POSSIBLY IMPORTANT AS THE  
CZECH ARMS DEAL WITH EGYPT IN THE EARLY 1950'S BY ITS "MAKING  
THE U.S. AN ARMS SOURCE FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES." THE WRITER  
EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SENATE ACTION AS  
"A POLITICAL BLOW" TO ISRAEL POLICY THAT "TAMED THE ISRAELI LOBBY."  
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THE ASSESMENT IS "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE STARTED TO BE BETTER  
INFORMED OF THE ARAB STAND."

3. AL FAJR ATTACKS THE PLANE PACKAGE IN ITS HEADLINES DESCRIBING  
IT AS "SERVING WELL AMERICAN INTEREST" WHICH "AIMS AT CREATING A  
"CORDON SANITAIRE" OF MODERATE ARAB COUNTRIES TO STOP  
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS FROM SPREADING IN THE AREA."

4. ASH SHA'AB'S HEADLINE WARNING OF AN IMPENDING ARMS RACE ECHOES  
TASS'S COVERAGE OF THE SENATE PASSAGE. ASH SHA'AB'S EDITORIAL  
CITES "THE DEMISE OF THE ISRAELI LOBBY", AMERICAN DISPLEASURE  
OVER THE SPRAD OF CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AND THE  
ETHIOPIAN INVASION OF ERITERA AS THREE EVENTS WHICH WILL  
HAVE "GREAT REPERCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."  
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